

On page 12 beginning on line 1 strike "be considered in applying" and insert "be charged against".

WETLANDS WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1998

CHAFEE AMENDMENT NO. 3673

Mr. SHELBY (for Mr. CHAFEE) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1677) to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act; as follows:

On page 2, after line 19, add the following:
SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION COUNCIL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 4(a)(1)(D) of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4403(a)(1)(D)), during the period of 1999 through 2002, the membership of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council under section 4(a)(1)(D) of that Act shall consist of—

(1) 1 individual who shall be the Group Manager for Conservation Programs of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and who shall serve for 1 term of 3 years beginning in 1999; and

(2) 2 individuals who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with section 4 of that Act and who shall each represent a different organization described in section 4(a)(1)(D) of that Act.

(b) PUBLICATION OF POLICY.—Not later than June 30, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register, after notice and opportunity for public comment, a policy for making appointments under section 4(a)(1)(D) of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4403(a)(1)(D)).

YEAR 2000 READINESS AND SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS RESTRUC- TURING AND REFORM ACT OF 1998

BOND (AND KERREY) AMENDMENT NO. 3674

Mr. SHELBY (for Mr. BOND for himself and Mr. KERREY) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3412) to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for a pilot loan guarantee program to address Year 2000 problems of small business concerns and to improve the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike section 205 of the bill and insert the following:

SEC. 205. SMALL BUSINESS FEDERAL CONTRACT SET-ASIDES.

(a) ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 15(h) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(h)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "At the conclusion of each fiscal year" inserting "(A) Not later than April 15 of each year";

(ii) in the first sentence, by inserting "during the fiscal year that ended on September 30 of the preceding year" before the period; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(B)(i) Not later than May 15 of each year, the Administration shall submit to the Com-

mittees on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Senate a comprehensive report on the extent of the participation by small business concerns described in subparagraph (A) in procurement contracts during the fiscal year that ended on September 30 of the preceding year. In preparing the report, the Administration shall use the data from the reports submitted to the Administration for that fiscal year under subparagraph (A), and the Federal Procurement Data System.

"(ii) Each comprehensive report under this subparagraph shall include a detailed description and qualitative analysis of the procurement data submitted to the Administration under subparagraph (A).

"(iii)(I) The description and analysis included under clause (ii) shall include a reconciliation of the apparent differences, if any, between the small business participation levels reported for that fiscal year and the small business participation levels reported for preceding fiscal years, that result from differences in classification or reporting of data under this subsection. In the report, the Administration shall identify the differences in classification or reporting, as the case may be, and set forth the statistics on total dollar values for the later fiscal year as those statistics would have been calculated if the categories of contracts had been classified or otherwise reported without the differences.

"(II) The total dollar values referred to in subclause (I) are the total dollar values of prime contracts awarded, total dollar values of subcontracts awarded, and total dollar values of prime contracts and subcontracts awarded to small businesses."

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "paragraph (1)(A)"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(4)(A) The Administration may not issue a waiver or permissive letter authorizing the head of a Federal agency or the heads of any group of Federal agencies to change the statistical methodology used for meeting the reporting requirements of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) unless, when issued, the waiver or permissive letter is accompanied by the comments of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy regarding the appropriateness of the decision of the Administration to issue the waiver or letter.

"(B) No waiver or permissive letter referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be effective until—

"(i) the Administration submits a copy of the waiver or permissive letter, together with the comments of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy, to the Committees on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

"(ii) 30 days have elapsed since the date of the submission to the committees under clause (i)."

(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF CONTENT REQUIREMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 1998 REPORT.—Clause (iii) of subparagraph (B) of section 15(h)(1) of the Small Business Act, as added by paragraph (1)(A)(iii) of this subsection, does not apply to the comprehensive report submitted under that subparagraph for fiscal year 1998.

(b) HUBZONE PROGRAM.—Section 602(b)(2) of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997 (15 U.S.C. 657a note) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting "and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(K) the Department of Labor."

ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HISTORIC HIGHWAY

DOMENICI (AND BINGAMAN) AMENDMENT NO. 3675

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 2133) to designate former United States Route 66 as "America's Main Street" and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance; as follows:

On page 6 line 17 and 18 strike subsection (B) in its entirety and insert the following:

"(B) public lands in the immediate vicinity of the highway; and

"(C) private lands in the immediate vicinity of the highway owned by those who are willing to participate in the programs authorized by this Act."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to designate former United States Route 66 as the "Route 66 National Historic Highway", and for other purposes."

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on Thursday, October 1, 1998, immediately following the first roll-call vote of the Senate in the President's Room of the Capitol. The purpose of this meeting will be to mark up the nomination of Michael Reyna to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board and to mark up the USDA Information Technology Reform and Year 2000 Compliance Act (S. 2116).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 30, 1998, at 9:15 a.m. to conduct a markup, on S. 1870, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; H.R. 1805, Auburn Indian Restoration Act; and S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes. To be followed immediately by a hearing on S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans. The hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON H.R. 4060, THE FISCAL YEAR 1999 EN- ERGY AND WATER APPROPRIA- TIONS BILL

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I applaud my colleagues on both sides of